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1. CHANG Chih-chung's main objective in his recent northwest trip was to weld the forces of MA Hung-kuei and MA Pu-fang into a strong bloc which will cooperate in opposing Communism in either peace or war. Both the MAs distrust HU Tsung-nan as a toady and an incompetent general, and so they are pleased to join with CHANG.
2. This is part of an over-all Nationalist government strategy to build up regional regimes to contain the Communists.
3. Outwardly, CHANG has done nothing to alienate either the Chinese Communists or the Soviets, and he will still have an opportunity to set himself up in the Northwest should the Kuomintang lose control.
4. CHANG's family has not moved from Lanchow.
5. Te Wang, with a party of seventeen, left for Lanchow and Ninghsia two weeks ago.

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